

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: S. SASAKI
Serial No. 09/686,961
Filed: October 12, 2000

Group Art: 2876
Examiner: J. Franklin
For: ELECTRONIC MONEY SYSTEM OF TOKEN
AND VALUE MIXED TYPE

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Box: Patent Application
Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2002

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/686,961, filed on October 20, 2000, entitled ELECTRONIC MONEY SYSTEM OF TOKEN AND VALUE MIXED TYPE (amended title: ELECTRONIC MONEY PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM THEREOF AND A RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING A PROGRAM THEREOF), by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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| Basic Fee | | | | | | | | \$ 740.00 | |
| Total Claims | 1 | - | 20 | = | 0 | x | 18 | = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | 84 | = | 0.00 |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | | | | | \$ 740.00 | |

3. A check including the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New formal drawings are enclosed, five(5) sheets, Figs. 1-4. The formal drawings include corrections approved in a prior application.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

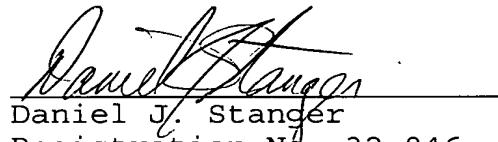
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 09-313170, filed November 14, 1997.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application US Serial No. 09/188,365, filed on November 10, 1998 (now US Patent No. 6,155,484).

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/686,961, as originally filed on October 12, 2000.



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